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PRELIMINARY REMARKS

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Sir:

For the Examiner's assistance in examining the claims of this continuation application, a summary of these claims, as to their correlation with claims of applicant's prior applications and a third party patent, is set out below.

Claims 1 and 2 correspond to claims 9 and 18, respectively, of applicant's parent application 08/793,751, now U.S. patent number 5,964,367. Claim 1 differs from claim 9 of the '367 patent in that it recites in subparagraph c) that the outer ring flange has a portion facing rather than engaging against the inner side wall surface of the open upper end of the barrel body. Claim 2 differs from claim 18 of the '367 patent in that in subparagraph b), the portion extending downwardly and away from the barrel edge surface to provide a space sufficient to receive a lower claw of a parrot beak is not specifically defined as being conical.

Claims 3 and 4 correspond, respectively, to claims 23 and 28 of applicant's pending allowed application serial no. 09/363,017 filed July 29, 1999. Claims 3 and 4 differ from claims 23 and 28 of the '017 application in defining the first and second portions of the barrel edge and the lower surface of the exterior rib.